



Hints from the Model Garage

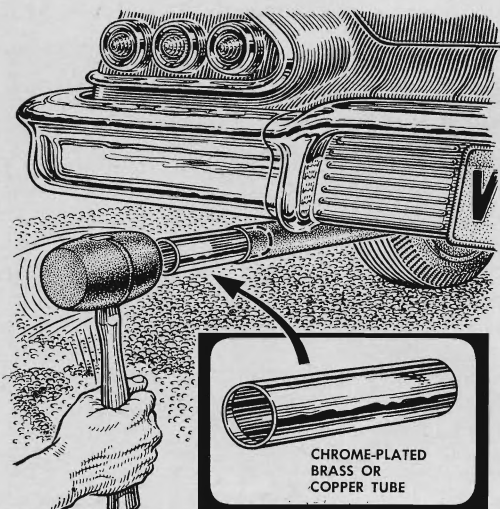


A handy windshield scraper may lie right in your pocket—it's your comb. The smooth edge along the back of a plastic or hard-rubber comb will remove a light coating of ice or frost quickly, without scratching the windshield.

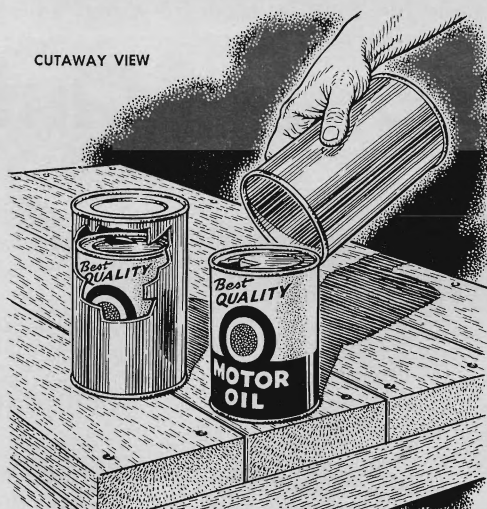


REFLECTIVE
TAPE

Garnishings of reflective tape on the outside of a car can be left to the jalopy set. Instead, stick the tape in inconspicuous places where it can be seen—and flash its warning to other cars—only when the hood or trunk lid is raised.



Rustproof tailpipe extensions that will outlast commercial chrome-over-steel extensions can be made from bathroom drainpipe. Get some chromed brass or copper pipe that will fit snugly, and drive it into the tailpipe with a soft hammer.



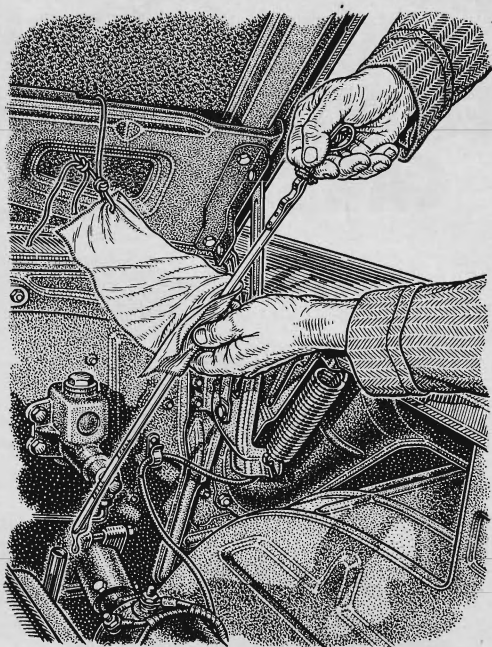
CUTAWAY VIEW

To keep dust out of an opened, partly used can of oil, automatic transmission fluid, or antifreeze, cover it with a larger can. A large fruit-juice can with its top completely cut off will fit just about right over a quart-size container.

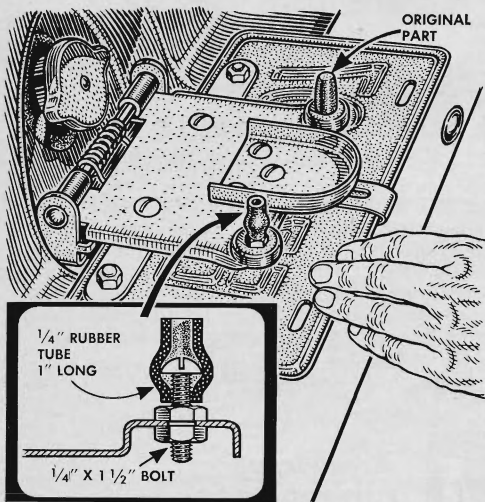
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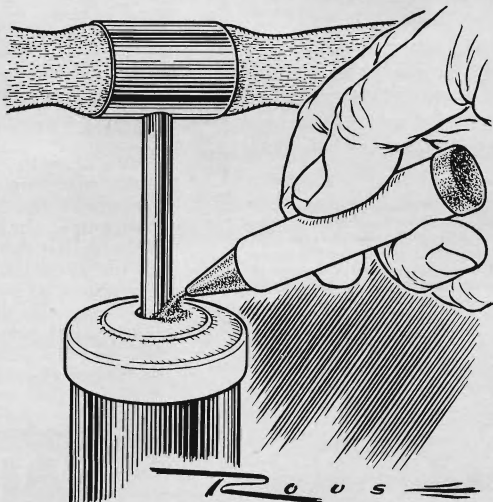
Store your tire chains in a couple of one-gallon cans saved after putting in antifreeze or changing oil. Dangle the chains and slowly lower them into the cans. They won't tangle and won't dirty the trunk if put in wet from slush or snow.



If you check your oil yourself, keep a small rag tied to the bracing under the hood. You'll find it handy for wiping the dipstick. Place the rag where it won't tangle with the fan or rest on a hot exhaust manifold when the hood is closed.



License-plate rattles caused by a lost rubber bumper on a swing-out bracket can be silenced with a 1" piece of windshield-wiper hose. Use two nuts to lock a 1/4" bolt in the hole in the bracket, then slip the hose over the bolt head.



A tire pump that binds can be made to operate smoothly by squirting powdered graphite into the hole where the plunger enters the barrel. Even if excess graphite is pumped into the tire, it won't cause the rubber to deteriorate as oil would.